

Roy Massey Sent To Minneapolis Club---Sieglie Looks Good---Camp Gossip

ROY MASSEY LET OUT TO MINNEAPOLIS FOR MORE DEVELOPMENT

Griffith Begins To Wield His Pruning Knife As First Outfielder Is Returned To Minor League Aggregation.

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

CHARLOTTEVILLE, Va., March 24.—Roy Massey, the Texas outfielder, has been turned over to Joe Cantillon's Minneapolis club of the American Association under an optional agreement which may find him with the Griffins next fall, providing he makes good next summer. He will leave here Friday for Hickman, Ky., where Cantillon's club is training.

Massey is the first Griffman to drop by the wayside. He goes to Minneapolis to take the place of Emil Mensel, the young outfielder who refused Cantillon's terms and was turned over to Los Angeles. Massey was discovered by Mike Kahoe with the Galveston team of the Texas League last year and looks to have a chance of developing into a big leaguer with experience.

With Massey gone the Plebes will have to find a substitute for the game with the Alexandria Cardinals Saturday. It is possible that Lamar may play right field for Nick Altrock's bunch.

OTHERS TO FOLLOW MASSEY.

While Massey is the first to be dropped, there are several other lads here for whom jobs are being sought by Manager Griffith and they may not see the opening of the American League campaign.

Trainer Martin today refused to allow Stevens or Pick to take chances in the raw, damp weather, both players remaining in bed all morning. Stevens has a dangerous cold throughout his system, while Pick's earache has defeated him and made it impossible for him to play ball for several days.

Gandil's swollen ankles are bothering him somewhat yet, but he is able to play.

The Griffmen are pleased at the nearness of the battle to Richmond. It has been so consistently cold here that they think they are bound to get more seasonable weather anywhere else. The high wind, any way, cannot chase them to every ball park they visit.

Features were many in the Plebes' 2-to-0 victory over the regulars yesterday afternoon in seven sessions. Neither Jim Shaw nor Joe Engel allowed the enemy a measly bingle. Shaw was in particularly fine fettle, retiring the side in order for four innings, not a man reaching first base while he performed.

Engel walked a couple of the foe-men, but he did not allow a hit, and not a regular reached second on him.

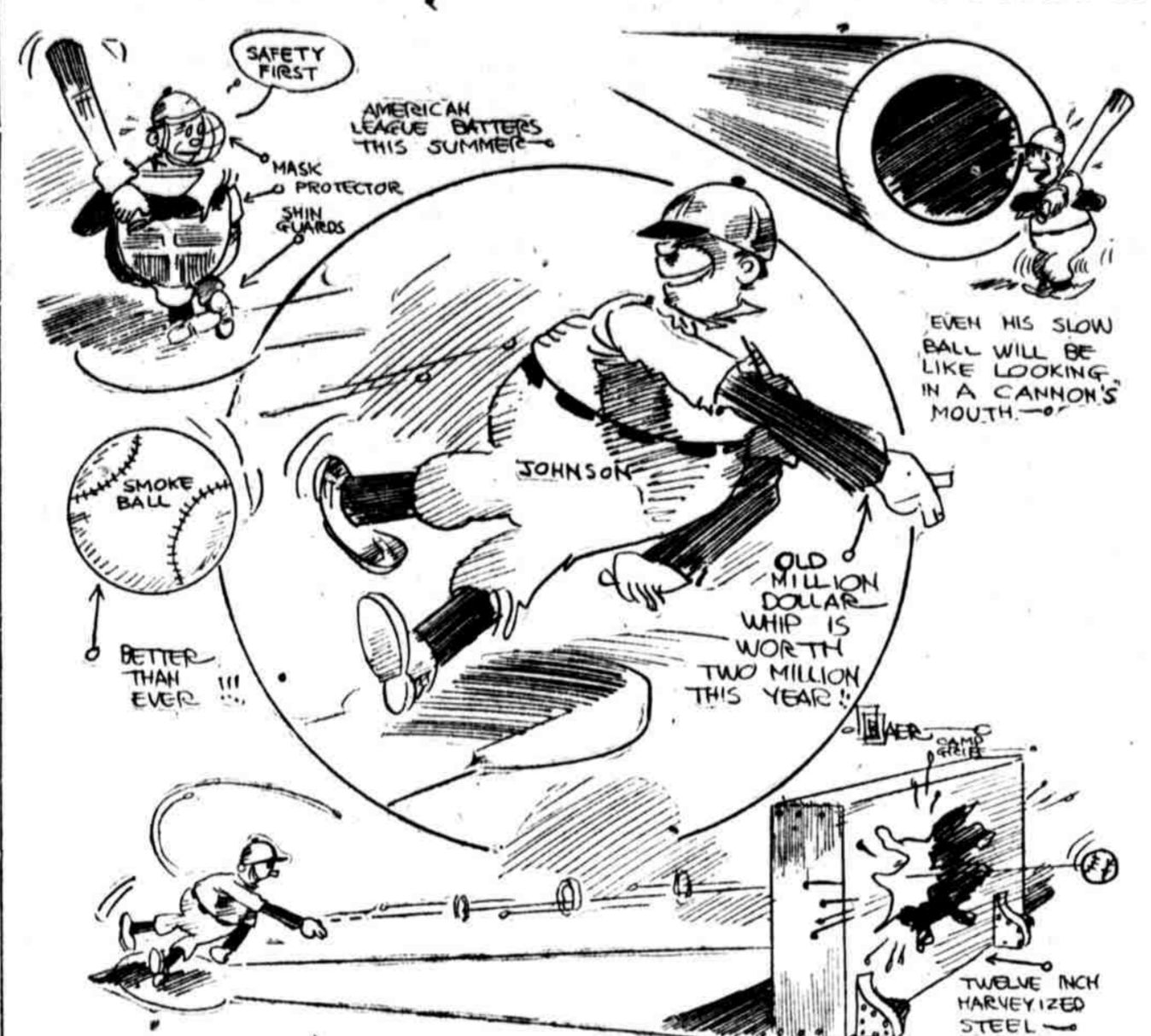
Ramiro Sieglie played a star game at second base for the Plebes. He was over the infield and even out in the field to gather in droppers. A couple of his stops and quick recoveries were big league stuff in every way.

Henri Rondoue played star base for the Plebes and played up to a star performance. His diving stop of Moeller's hot liner to his right in the fourth saved the good old summertime.

The finish of the double play on Hillen in the seventh, in which he was knocked off his pins, was another clever bit of work. Rondoue began yesterday to look like a real big league player.

The Plebes hopped upon Harry Harper in the opening frame, sending a run

Johnson's Smoke Ball Hasn't Slowed Up a Bit This Season



Walter's fast ball. In ratio with the old smoke ball a bullet is a cripple.

When Walter cuts loose with that million-dollar whip the ensuing result even fools the sun, and when you're double-crossing Old Sol you're some small expert. That old space decimator, the "Royal Blue" can stop some with the throttle open to the last notch, but even the "Royal Blue" never threw more than one shadow at a time.

The speed king's hustle ball is traveling so swift this spring that it is throwing two shadows, and that is some traveling. Even Barney Oldfield never threw more than one shadow consecutively.

The intense speed of the pellet bewilders the sun to such an extent that it isn't sure whether it really sees a baseball or not, and, therefore, puzzled as to whether to throw a shadow or throw two shadows to be on the safe side.

Any student who has ever studied astronomy can easily see the logic in this procedure.

Rival American League managers who hope to cope with Griffith's star this coming season, should first treat their slugs to a course of sprouts in the trenches on the left-hand side of the Atlantic, only a veteran who has had the privilege of peeping into the cannon's mouth will have the stamina to stand up to Walter's speedster this season.

If any batter should be so unfortunate as to be bearded by the king's hurry ball he will be entitled to his base, but he won't take it.

One of his relatives will take it for him.

Not that we have any desire to see the fighting arena spread all over the map, but if the United States should be so unfortunate as to be drawn into the

European embroglio, peace would soon be established on a permanent basis. All that will be required is a few applications of Walter's swift bird in the general direction of the enemy's flotilla, and quiet would reign supreme from that quarter.

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Cuban Second Baseman Proves Himself a Marvelous Fielder, While Griff Thinks He'll Learn to Hit—Mike Kahoe, Prize Scout, Hits Camp in Time to Be Frozen.

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CHARLOTTEVILLE, Va., March 24.—Ramiro Sieglie is beginning to look like a big leaguer. Maybe he has a chance to stick around the Griffins this summer.

The work of the young Cuban infielder certainly was of a stellar variety in yesterday's two contests. He had twelve fielding chances and accepted seven. His one error came when he tried to take a little fly against the sun. The ball crossed the orb of day and he lost the pill. But that misplay could easily be pardoned in the light of his wonderful fielding of ground balls.

Sieglie has the speed of a deer in going to either side, in or out, after the ball. In the morning game he went clear across the bag into shortfield, knocking down Alsmith's single and almost stopping it. If anything, this required superior speed.

Several of his plays came on slow-hit balls, some in front of him and one or two on the side. He demonstrated his agility in knifing the runner by a quick underhand toss, following deft pick-ups. That he is not weak in going out after flies was shown in the afternoon, when he went out into short center for Moeller's Texas leaguer.

Sieglie looks like a pretty good ball player, says Manager Griffith. "I like his pose at the plate. He takes a good swing off the bases and he's a good bat at bad ones. This is a good trait in any player. As soon as he gets accustomed to some of the sweeping curves shot at him he'll improve with the stick. He's having his troubles just now with them, but he has courage, and stays right in there all the time. The only ought to develop into a first-class man."

Mike Kahoe, prize scout, froze during the afternoon's exhibition. Mike declines to discuss his visit here, but it is suspected that he is here to receive orders from the Old Fox to start his attic hunt for an outfielder. He probably will take in exhibition games of several big league teams with outfielders to spare, giving his opinion of

men upon whom waivers will later be asked.

Chick Gandil and Charlie Pick were out of the line-up yesterday afternoon. Pick's earache has quit him, but he is still in poor condition. Gandil's ankles are badly swollen from running, and then standing around in the awful winter wind from the snow-topped mountains within sight of Lambeth Field.

The regulars blame the cold for their inability to hit Shaw or Engel. "It is too cold to hold a bat," chirruped Alsmith. However, it will be noted that the plebes collected five blows in the chill atmosphere.

Henri Rondoue is known to be a good backstop. He is seeking a berth in the outfield, while yesterday he demonstrated that he is more than a fair first baseman. The Woonsocket Frenchman is expected to start in with a vim as soon as he recovers from his "charley-horse." His leg is slowly improving, and he may startle the boys before the warm weather is really here to stay.

Though the Griffmen's twirlers are going ahead with leaps and bounds, revelling in the most of them are suffering from aches and pains. Even Walter Johnson is quietly complaining about working in the stiff wind that tears across the diamond. Johnson caught cold during the three innings he pitched against Virginia Monday.

Alan Clarke, Jim Shaw, and Joe Engel are now the camp's no-hit pitchers. Clarke's performance in the morning was all the more commendable, as no one expected it of him. The youngsters' greenness militates against him now, but he has the makings of a good southpaw pitcher.

The Georgetown varsity squad passed through here yesterday, and the boys tumbled out upon the platform to stretch their legs. Several of the boys from Camp Griff were on hand to wish Charlie Cox and John O'Reilly all the luck in the world against the Yellow Jackets down in Georgia.

The Griffmen are now counting the days before they hike for Richmond, while even the outcasts are looking forward to their contest in Alexandria Saturday. Apparently, leaving Charlottesville will break nobody's heart.

Rookies and Regulars

MARLIN SPRINGS, Tex., March 24.—Old Chris Mathewson went to work with a vim today. The beating that he was handed by Larry Doyle's squad of Giants yesterday in two rounds has stirred the Old Master to speed up the getting-in-shape process.

SAVANNAH, Ga., March 24.—Manager Bill Donovan caused joy to spread among the Yankee rookies today when he announced that no one would be crowned with the order of tin until the entire squad reached New York.

DAYTONA, Fla., March 24.—The Superbas, having continued their winning streak against the Cuban Reds, were today prepared to ease up a bit. Rookie pitchers were to be sent against the island team this afternoon.

BROWN'S WELLS, Miss., March 24.—Manager Massey is setting a lot of word problems for his rookies. He plans two practice games today, intending to take advantage of the good weather.

MACON, Ga., March 24.—The Braves certainly have donned their war paint early in the season. They routed the Atlanta Crackers out of Bibb county in the sixth of 7 to 3, and tomorrow they hit the trail, in full strength, for Columbus and Atlanta, returning to the Macon wigwags Saturday.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., March 24.—Old Sol slipped one over on the Red Sox today. By some accident until the Rookies and Regulars attempted a game, when he slunk behind the clouds. It even showed, but Manager Carrigan's men through an eight-inning game.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., March 24.—Dave Gaston's Jacksonville team just tore the hide off the Rookie athletics yesterday. Harper went off his country in the eighth and gave Jacksonville ten runs on seven hits and four errors.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., March 24.—Hans Wagner again led his Yankees to victory over the regulars yesterday by a score of 4 to 1. The game was featured by a triple play, Altenburg to McCarthy to Wagner.

AUGUSTA, March 24.—The Rebel Yankees treated the Regulars to a 5 to 2 trouncing yesterday. Business Manager McCullough offered free smokes to the winners and the youngsters went right after them.

NEW ORLEANS, March 24.—Half of the Indian squad will tangle with the Cincinnati Reds here Friday if the game can be arranged. A bunch of Clevelanders swamped the Palestine, Tex., team, 19 to 3, yesterday.

HAVANA, March 24.—Rain prevented out-of-door exercises of the Sloofeds.

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Cut Out Reserve Clause And Baseball Will Die

This Is Opinion of Malachi Kittredge, Former Big League Catcher.

CLEVELAND, March 24.—"Cut the reserve clause out of contracts and baseball magnates would be compelled to pass the hat."

That is the opinion of Malachi Kittredge, identified with the game for twenty-two years as player, manager, scout, and coach. Kittredge quit the national pastime four years ago to enter the business field. He joined the ranks of the National Cash Register Company. Entering the school maintained by that company at Dayton, he went to a sales B league as manager and part owner.

"I never saw anything except the player's side of baseball," continued the former catcher yesterday "until I quit the big league and went to the minors. There I missed the pampering I had received while with the majors. Then I went to a sales B league as manager and part owner."

"Naturally, I viewed conditions in an entirely different manner. I began to realize that whereas a player welcomed a day of rain as one in which to loaf, the manager was given cause for worry, especially if the rain came on a Sunday or a holiday."

"When I became a manager in a small degree I spent more time reading the weather forecasts than I did the box scores. I found myself watching the clouds more than I did the players. But when I was a player and it rained, I thought: 'Here is where I get a chance to go to the theater or play poker.'"

"Little does a player think of the expense to the owner if he is out of the game for a few weeks because of an accident or illness. You can bet, however, that the manager thinks of it, for the salary of the injured or sick player goes on just the same, just as does that of the man hired to take the crickets' place."

"People think that with the magnate it is a case of everything coming in and nothing going out. During my five years in the minors I discovered that it is just the other way. Still, baseball

has managed to exist because of its honesty and the reserve clause. They may say that players are slaves and would like chattels. Sure they are, but they are profiting by that slavery.

"Salaries have doubled and tripled since I entered the game. But for the reserve clause, there would be no minor leagues. They cannot live without the sale of players. Without the reserve clause, there would be no incentive for managers to develop players. The abolition of the reserve clause would destroy competition and wreck the game."

"The player may think that the reserve clause is a bad thing for him because it prevents him from going to another club that would give him more. I'll admit that and that's the greatest safeguard the game has. Let John McGraw have a free rein to sign up whom he pleases and he would have the greatest team of stars ever gathered together, and the game would be destroyed as competition would be removed."

"The player would suffer in the end just as the minor leaguers are suffering today from the baseball war. Because the minors did not sell as many players last year, they are cutting salaries. A few players have been benefited by the disintegrating of the reserve clause, but the minor leaguers who may be the big leaguers of five years from now are being starved by the bigger salaries received by those few."

Kittredge entered the professional ranks via a college baseball team. Catching for Holy Cross in 1888, he played for the Boston Red Sox in 1890. He remained with Boston until 1894, when he was traded to Louisville. When the Kentuckians were dropped from the National League, Kittredge was sent to the minors. The season of 1891 found him with the Boston Red Sox. In 1891 he went back to Washington. During the season of 1896, his arm went to the hospital. It was at that time that Washington loaned him to Cleveland for a few weeks as catcher. Kittredge's big league days were being over. Frank Farrell placed him at Montreal as manager. He stuck there for the '97 and '98 campaigns and then dropped in at Scranton to give that club a pennant in the New York State League. The following season he gave Wilkes-Barre a pennant and then quit the professional games as an active warrior.

Kittredge coached the Harvard baseball team in 1910 and '11 and also acted as scout for the Detroit Tigers. Then came his chance to get into business and he forsook baseball for good.

TITLE GAMES START FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Ten Games a Week on Card for Grades to Decide Championship by May 20.

Public school baseball teams are well on their way in the schedule which will run into the month of May. Something like seventy teams comprise the Inter-School Baseball League of the District, and games are scheduled every day for the various sections of the city.

The circuit started Monday. Today Curtis School will play the Addison School in Georgetown. Hubbard will meet West. Monroe will play Cooke, and Van Buren will play Ketchum. The title was won by the Monroe School last season.

The schedule of games will run until May 20, about ten games being played a week on each playground in the city. The schools are divided into eight divisions, according to location, and each division has a schedule of its own. All division championships must be decided by May 20, and after that date the winners in each division play a post-season series for the championship trophy, which becomes the property of the school winning it three times in succession.

Yesterday the Morgan School defeated Petworth 3 to 2. Ross defeated Dennison 2 to 3, and Bryan won from Buchanan 12 to 0.

"Tip" O'Neil Rolls Perfect Flat Game

"Tip" O'Neil of the Bureau team in the Departmental Duckpin League accomplished a unique feat when he bowled a flat game of 100 at the Pat Men's Club.

Morning Game Off

CHARLOTTEVILLE, Va., March 24.—The stiffened condition of so many of his players, the result of playing in the high wind here, compelled Manager Griffith to cut out the morning game today. Batting and fielding practice was staged. Zeb Milan is suffering from a stiff neck, and may not play against Virginia this afternoon.

Fordham Has Wealth Of Baseball Material

NEW YORK, March 24.—The Fordham baseball squad, which meets Georgetown April 8, has been cut to twenty-five members, looks far better at this time of the season than any team the Maroon has had in years. Every man in the squad will be played in the season, while six players of merit are contesting for the two openings in the pitching staff.

The pitching staff will be strong, with two stars from last season, Walsh and Martin, in prime condition. Three regular games will be played this week, after which Warner, the coach, will make his final cut and determine the players to be carried with the varsity.

Practice Results

Griffmen, 3; Plebes, 1. Meber, 2; Griffmen, 9. Superbas, 6; Cuban Stars, 2. Brookfields, 3; Colts, 6. Phillies, 4; Cubs, 1. Braves, 16; Atlanta, 3. Boyles, 12; Snugglers, 9. Athletics, 16; U. of Florida, 3.

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